

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

BARBARA STROUGO,

Plaintiff(s),

v.

REALNETWORKS INC., et al.,

Defendant(s).

CASE NO. C24-0297-KKE

ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED  
MOTION TO SEAL

Lead Plaintiff Richard Brender filed an amended class action complaint provisionally under seal, which references Defendant RealNetworks, Inc.'s business information designated confidential via an agreement of the parties. *See* Dkt. No. 55 at 4–13, Dkt. No. 56. Brender simultaneously filed a motion to seal, which Defendants support. Dkt. Nos. 54, 58. Brender also filed a redacted version of the amended complaint on the public docket. Dkt. No. 57. The earlier version of the complaint referenced the same confidential material that is in the amended complaint, and the Court previously granted a motion to seal that version of the complaint. *See* Dkt. No. 6. Because the motion to seal complies with W.D. Wash. Local Civil Rule 5(g), the Court will grant it.

The Court may seal judicial records when a party provides a compelling reason to keep information out of the public view. *Kamakana v. City & Cnty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178 (9th Cir. 2006). Defendants have met this burden by showing that the material referenced in the

1 amended complaint is confidential, and that there is no less restrictive alternative to maintaining  
2 that information under seal. The Court finds that the need to protect that information outweighs  
3 the public right of access to court records, particularly because the Court's review of the redacted  
4 version of the amended complaint on the public docket indicates that the motion to seal is  
5 appropriately tailored.

6 The motion to seal (Dkt. No. 54) is therefore GRANTED. The unredacted version of the  
7 amended complaint (Dkt. No. 56) shall be maintained under seal.

8 Dated this 11th day of February, 2025.

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